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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete section "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" on pages 1-3 and replace with the following:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This patent application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/003,501, entitled "METHOD AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR SUPPRESSING EXECUTION OF SIGNATURE FILE DIRECTIVES DURING A NETWORK EXPLOIT," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/001,431, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DEFINING THE SECURITY CONDITION OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/001,410, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DEFINING THE SECURITY VULNERABILITIES OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/002,695, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DEFINING UNAUTHORIZED INTRUSIONS ON A COMPUTER SYSTEM," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/002,423, entitled "NETWORK INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD," filed October 31, 2001, co-assigned herewith; U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/003,815, entitled "METHOD, COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM, AND NODE FOR DETECTING EXPLOITS BASED ON AN

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